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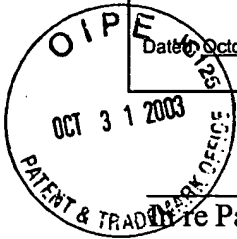
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Re Patent Application of:

Jeffrey W. Chen

Application No.: 09/721,058

Filed: November 22, 2000

For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR  
ATTACHING HEAT EXCHANGE UNIT AND  
VALVE TO THE BOTTOM OF SELF-  
COOLING AND SELF-HEATING FOOD OR  
BEVERAGE CONTAINERS

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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT  
AMENDMENT (37 CFR 1.121)**

MS Non-Fee Amendment  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated October 16, 2003,  
Applicant states as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on  
page 2 of this paper.

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